WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A method for outputting a performance, comprising:

      receiving performance information via a network;

      composing the performance by mixing stored information with one or more portions of the received performance information; and

      outputting the performance.

2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

      recording the performance information; and

      outputting a second performance using the recorded performance information as stored information.

3.   The method of claim 1, the composing the performance comprising:

      retrieving one or more commands from the performance information;

      decoding the one or more commands; and

      performing one or more tasks instructed by the commands.

4.   The method of claim 3, wherein performing the one or more tasks comprises executing a macro.

5.   The method of claim 4, wherein executing the macro comprises:

      retrieving the macro based on the decoded one or more commands;

      decoding the macro to generate a macro command sequence; and

      executing the macro command sequence.

6.   The method of claim 5, wherein executing the respective commands comprises one or more of:

      generating a sequence of commands for outputting the performance; and

      assembling one or more stored command sequences for outputting the performance.

7.   The method of claim 5, wherein executing the macro command sequence comprises:

      retrieving audio and/or video synthesis information;

      retrieving information indicating desired output content; and

      generating synthesized performance information based on the audio and/or video synthesis information and the information indicating the desired output content.

8.   The method of claim 3, wherein performing the one or more tasks comprises reproducing a real-time transmission included in the performance information.

9.   The method of claim 3, further comprising:

executing programming commands;

generating a sequence of commands based on the executed programming commands; and

incorporating the decoded commands into the sequence of commands.

10.   The method of claim 9, wherein incorporating the decoded commands includes adding onto, interrupting, switching or replacing one or more commands within the sequence of commands, and the one or more portions of the performance are added onto, interrupted, switched or replaced based upon the incorporated decoded commands.

11.   The method of claim 3, wherein performing one or more tasks comprises:

retrieving audio and/or video synthesis information;

retrieving information indicating desired output content; and

generating synthesized performance information based on the audio and/or video synthesis information and the information indicating the desired output content.

12.   The method of claim 3, wherein the one or more commands includes one or more of programming commands that execute a software program, housekeeping commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored information, and performance commands that instruct to reproduce stored information from one or more specified locations of a storage device.

13.   A method for storing information for use with a performance reproduction device, comprising:

providing a storage device; and

storing information, one or more portions of the stored information being retrievable based on one or more commands received by the performance reproduction device via a network.

14.   The method of claim 13, further comprising encrypting the information such that the information is readable only with the aid of a key.

15.   The method of claim 14, wherein the key is transmitted via the network.

1   16.   A storage medium storing first information for reproducing a performance,

2   the first information controlling a network-controlled performance reproduction device to

3   perform:

1   receiving first performance information via a network, the performance

2   information including at least one or more commands; and

3   retrieving second performance information stored in the network-

4   controlled performance reproduction device based on the one or more commands.

1   17.   The storage medium of claim 16, wherein the second information is stored

2   on the storage medium storing the first information.

1   18.   A pseudo-live performance output device, comprising:

2   a controller that receives performance information via a network and

3   composes the performance by mixing stored information with one or more portions of the

4   received performance information; and

5   an output device that outputs the performance.

1   19.   The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 18, further

2   comprising a recording device that records the performance information, wherein the

3   output device outputs a second performance using the recorded performance information

4   as stored information.

1   20.   The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 18, wherein the

2   controller:

3   retrieves one or more commands from the performance information;

4   decodes the one or more commands; and

5   performs one or more tasks instructed by the commands.

1   21.   The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 20, wherein

2   performing the one or more tasks comprises executing a macro.

1   22.   The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 21, wherein

2   executing the macro comprises:

3   retrieving the macro based on the decoded one or more commands;

4   decoding the macro to generate a macro command sequence; and

5   executing the macro command sequence.

1   23.   The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 22, wherein

2 executing the macro command sequence comprises one or more of:

3   generating a sequence of commands for outputting the performance; and

4   assembling one or more stored command sequences for outputting the

5 performance.

1   24.   The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 22, wherein

2 executing the macro command sequence comprises:

3   retrieving audio and/or video synthesis information;

4   retrieving information indicating desired output content; and

5   generating synthesized performance information based on the audio and/or

6 video synthesis information and the information indicating the desired output content.

1   25.   The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 20, wherein

2 performing the one or more tasks comprises reproducing a real-time transmission

3 included in the performance information.

1   26.   The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 20, wherein the

2 controller:

3   executes programming commands;

4   generates a sequence of commands based on the executed programming

5 commands; and

6   incorporates the decoded commands into the sequence of commands.

1   27.   The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 26, wherein

2 incorporating the decoded commands includes adding onto, interrupting, switching or

3 replacing one or more commands within the sequence of commands, and the one or more

4 portions of the performance are added onto, interrupted, switched or replaced based upon

5 the incorporated decoded commands.

1   28.   The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 20, wherein

2 performing one or more tasks comprises:

3   retrieving audio and/or video synthesis information;

4   retrieving information indicating desired output content; and

5   generating synthesized performance information based on the audio and/or

6 video synthesis information and the information indicating the desired output content.

29.   The pseudo-live performance output device of claim 20, wherein the one or more commands include one or more of programming commands that execute a software program, housekeeping commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored information, and performance commands that instruct to reproduce stored information from one or more specified locations of a storage device.

30.   A storage device for use with a performance reproduction device, the storage device storing information, one or more portions of the stored information being retrievable based on one or more commands received by the performance reproduction device via a network.

31.   The storage device of claim 30, wherein the stored information is encrypted such that the stored information is readable only with the aid of a key.

32.   The storage device of claim 31, wherein the key is transmitted via the network.